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Local Matters.

For \$3.00 Per Day.

Eleven months ago the Local Union of the Carpenters and Joiners Association gave Newport builders and contractors official notice that on and after April 1, 1892, the lowest price at which a journeymen carpenter would be allowed to work would be \$3 per day, and Wednesday evening the builders held a meeting to take action upon this notice. It is understood that nine of the builders were present at the meeting and that four others sent word that they were opposed to granting the request. The vote of the meeting was unanimous against allowing the \$3 per day, but it is understood that some of the builders have since retracted and that ten contractors have now succeeded to the demand. About 75 Union men were out yesterday, but they felt confident that a few days would be sufficient to satisfy the builders of the fairness of their demands. They think that if the maçons, who do not require over \$5 worth of tools, are worth \$3.50 per day, the carpenters, whose kit of tools costs not less than \$100, ought to be allowed \$2.00 for the same number of hours' work.

Death of John Hare Powel, Jr.

Mr. John Hare Powel, Jr., died at his residence on Bowery street last Sunday night after a brief illness with pneumonia, and his funeral was solemnized on Wednesday. Few knew of his serious illness until informed of his death and the announcement was a great shock to his many friends and acquaintances. He was a gentleman of the highest character and integrity and possessed in a large degree the same rare qualities that so endeared his father, the late Hon. Samuel Powel, to the citizens of Newport and to all who were favored with his acquaintance. He was a nephew of ex-Mayor John Hare Powel, after whom he was named, and a brother of Mr. Samuel Powel, Jr.

Madame O. Esperanza Luis Jeyes, a native of the island of Hayti, will deliver a lecture before the Shiloh Baptist church on the 14th inst., on "Hayti and the Haytiens." Mme. Jeyes has an established reputation as an eloquent lecturer and she should be received by a large audience, especially as the proceeds are to be for the benefit of the church.

The George Pea body Wetmore Club of Newport will hold a rally at Odd Fellows Hall Monday evening next, when Hon. Charles W. Anderson, of New York, and Rev. W. B. Derrick, D. D., of the same place, are expected to make addresses on the issues of the coming State election in Rhode Island.

Stinson Hazard has sold for Mrs. Hannah M. Chase her estate on Broadway consisting of a dwelling house and about 75,000 square feet of land to Angus McLeod and Wm. C. Elliott of this city on private terms.

The firm of E. G. Almy & Co., of Providence, has been reorganized and is now the Edward C. Almy Company. The announcement they make in another column will be of interest to a large number of readers.

Sir Knight Everett I. Gorton of Davle Division, Uniform Rank, K. of P., entertained his brother Sir Knights and fellow-members of Redwood Lodge, K. of P., Thursday evening, serving a substantial collation.

Past Grand Commanders Agys and Willis made an official inspection of Benjamin Gardner Commandery, K.T., Monday evening. A very enjoyable literary and social entertainment followed the official duties.

Mr. L. Cohen, of the Newport One Price Clothing Company and a well-known clothing manufacturer of Boston, was married in the latter city Sunday to Miss Ida Spitz, of Boston.

Mrs. Sarah Chambers and Miss Kate Fried are visiting relatives in Providence. Mrs. Chambers, although almost a centenarian, is a regular visitor to the sister capital.

Rhode Island Lodge, No. 12, I. O. of O. F., has voted to participate in the anniversary observances in Providence on the 25th instant.

The masts of the sunken schooner Harry White were pulled out on Saturday by lighthouse steamer Cactus.

Postmaster Fay has been confined to the house several days this week. He was better yesterday.

Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt was in town yesterday, accompanied by his architect.

Mr. B. B. H. Sherman has been in New York this week.

Mr. L. K. Carr has been in New York this week.

The weather this week has been decidedly spring like.

Mr. Thomas B. Gould of Philadelphia, has been in town this week.

POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS.

The Two Great Parties Held Largely Attended Mass Meetings.

Three political mass meetings have been held in Newport this week and one is billed for next Tuesday, the night before election. The Republicans were the first to invite the citizens to a public demonstration of the great principles and party issues of the campaign, and they will have the privilege of closing the argument next Tuesday night, when Congressman Reed of Maine, ex-speaker of the national house of representatives, will hold forth, with other distinguished speakers, at the Opera House.

The first of these meetings was held Tuesday, under Republican auspices. The Opera House was well filled and the speakers were Hon. Geo. H. Utter, secretary of state, and Hon. Rowell G. Horr, ex-Congressman from Michigan. Hon. William P. Sheffield presided and in a few appropriate remarks introduced Mr. Utter as the first speaker. Mr. Utter is well known in Newport and was welcomed by the large audience as an old and tried friend. His remarks were largely confined to state issues, with pertinent comparisons between the two parties, and held the strict attention of his hearers throughout. He gave a brief résumé of the political troubles in the town of Lincoln, criticized the action of the Democratic General Assembly in fixing the second election for Congressman in the second district on a Saturday, which practically disfranchised a large number of voters of the Seventh Day Baptist faith, and referred briefly to the water works bills put before the General Assembly and then withdrew.

Ex-Congressman Horr followed Mr. Utter, being presented to the audience with an appropriate introductory address by the chairman, and during the remainder of the evening he held the attention of the large audience to one of the most interesting and comprehensive campaign speeches ever delivered in Newport. The tariff, free coinage and other leading national questions were the principal subjects discussed, and he proved himself thoroughly conversant with them all.

The Democrats held their first public rally Wednesday evening and their second last night. Their first was at Macaulay Hall, which was filled to overflowing, and His Honor, Mayor Hovey, presided. The speakers of the evening were Mr. P. Henry Quinn, of Warwick, and Dr. L. F. C. Garvin, member of the State Senate from Cumberland. Mr. Quinn, who is secretary of the Knights of Labor of the State, began his remarks by saying that it was his first appearance as a political speaker and then gave as his reason for taking sides in the campaign, while it might appear that the organization which he represented should remain neutral, the fact that the only hope of the laborer obtaining his rights—for years at least—rested in the Democratic party. He then recited some of his experiences as representative of the labor interests with the two parties in trying to get recognition in the General Assembly, showing on which side were to be found the friends of labor.

Dr. Garvin followed, in much the same strain, though going more extensively into the general affairs of the State, and Judge Wilbur, closed the meeting with an interesting discussion of the tariff and other national questions from a Democratic standpoint.

Last night's meeting, which was in progress as we went to press, was held at the Opera House and was attended by a large and enthusiastic audience, and with Governor Russell, of Massachusetts, as the principal speaker, it is sure to have been an interesting one.

For Collecting Night Soil.

The sanitary dump cart briefly described in the Mercury of two weeks ago is still in the custody of Mr. James D. Horgan, who invites public inspection of it, and it has met with the hearty approval of those who have thus far examined it. It was sent here by the manufacturers who had heard that the city was looking for a more sanitary means for collecting and disposing of the night soil, and it is accompanied by the highest recommendations from Boston and other cities where it has been adopted.

It is made of steel, semi-circular in shape, and is so adjusted on a two-wheel gear as to be under the easy control of the driver who can open it, close it and dump it without leaving his seat. It is pronounced to be perfectly airtight when closed and therefore would be entirely odorless except while being loaded or dumped.

It is very strongly built in every way and there is apparently nothing about it to easily wear out or get out of order. It has a carrying capacity of two cubic yards, which, although intended for only one horse, is considerably greater than that of the patrid wooden boxes now in use.

It is claimed that, with two of these carts and three men, with a suitable opening in the sewer, in some isolated locality, for receiving it, all the night soil of the city could be collected and disposed of without nuisance and at much less cost than by any other method.

Supervisors of Election.

The Board of Aldermen met as a Board of canvassers Saturday afternoon.

The various ward lists were carefully gone over and various changes made, after which the recommendations of the two political parties for supervisors of next Wednesday's election were considered and the following appointments made:

First Ward—Republican, C. Philip Frank, George S. Stoddard, Democrat, Martin H. Hall, William J. Christman, Second Ward—Republican, Henry T. Keston, Joseph T. Ray, Jr., Democrat, John H. Shea, Marion S. Morgan, Third Ward—Republican, Remington, Ward, Herbert Miller, Democrat, Charles Crandall, Max Menckinger, Fourth Ward—Republican, Charles H. Clarke, Collins S. Burritt, Democrat, Thomas A. Crenn, William H. Clarke, Fifth Ward—Republican, E. E. Taylor, Jr., Henry Lee, Democrat, Patrick J. Boyle, M. P. Vaughn.

The New Industrial School.

The committee on Industrial school met at Architect Plummer's office Thursday afternoon to receive bids on the Industrial school building. There were of size in all, but, it having been voted to consider only those from Newport, only one was returned unopened. Of the eight considered Mr. Nathan Barker's was the lowest, it being \$24,897, and it was voted to recommend its acceptance, although it is \$6,897 more than the appropriation.

Sunday Trips.

Announcement is made that the Fall River Line will resume Sunday trips for the year, commencing next Sunday, April 5th. The steamer Pilgrim and Plymouth are now in commission.

A trip by the Fall River Line is an agreeable one at any and all seasons. The constantly increasing patronage accorded this great route throughout the entire year, bears satisfactory testimony to the agreeable service and unsurpassed facilities which it places at the disposal of travelers at all times.

The new Horgan Block at the corner of Thames and Frank streets is rapidly approaching completion. The store on the ground floor, which is in the hands of Mr. Thos. J. O'Neill as a fancy grocery and whole sale liquor establishment, is already being provided with the necessary fixtures. The large plate-glass show windows were put in place Wednesday.

Mr. William D. Tew, of General Nathaniel Greene Council, United Order of American Mechanics, has been appointed deputy grand councillor for What Cheer Council of Wickford. Mr. Quinn, who is secretary of the Knights of Labor of the State, began his remarks by saying that it was his first appearance as a political speaker and then gave as his reason for taking sides in the campaign, while it might appear that the organization which he represented should remain neutral, the fact that the only hope of the laborer obtaining his rights—for years at least—rested in the Democratic party.

Mr. Robert W. Curry has just started a large two-tenement house on Lincoln street for Mr. John H. Hovey. The seven-room cottage on Summer street, for Miss Charlotte Burleigh, he has got ready for the plasterers.

Mr. Fred A. Allan is engaged in altering and improving the residence of the late Mr. John W. Sherman, on Prospect Hill street, now the property of Mr. Wm. H. Sherman.

Mr. R. T. Cummings has vacated the Clifton House on Bellevue avenue, of which he has been proprietor for the past several years.

The number of naval apprentices at the Training Station has been swelled to 300 by recent recruits from New York.

A very enjoyable missionary concert was given at Emmanuel church Sunday evening in the presence of a large and appreciative audience.

Mrs. R. R. Breese has rented her cottage, on Everett Place and Francis street, for the coming season, to Mr. Reginald DeKoven, of New York.

Professor Sidney Woollett is suffering from diphtheria, but it is pleasing to note that the physicians are hopeful of a speedy cure.

Mr. W. K. Covell, Jr., has greatly improved the interior appearance of his always attractive store 163 Thames street.

Fire steamer No. 6 has been sent to the makers at Manchester, N. H., for retubing.

Alderman and Mrs. D. B. Fearing returned from New York Wednesday night.

President G. M. Miller and Superintendent J. B. Gardner, of the Wickford line, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. Edward Lake, of Providence, has been visiting Newport friends this week.

Another break in the submerged pipe at the main sewer outlet has been repaired.

The city street watering carts have been put into commission for the season this week.

Mr. Edward G. Brown is making improvements to his residence on Thurston avenue, including a small addition.

Mr. Henry A. Thorndike has returned from his Cuban trip.

Dr. A. P. Baker and family, sail for Europe today from New York.

SUPREME COURT.

March Term at Newport.

The Supreme Court was convened at the State House, for its March term, Monday morning, with Chief Justice Mattoon and Justices Stines and Tillinghast on the bench. The docket was called and the following cases in equity were continued: Isaac P. Hazard et al. vs. Thomas C. Durant et al.; two cases, Mary B. Macomber, admx., vs. Joseph E. Macomber et al. (nisi.); Patrick J. Murphy vs. Joseph Halbre, James Groves et al. vs. Dennis W. Sheehan et al.; Benjamin Fitch, vs. William S. Bailey, (nisi.); George H. Kelley et al. vs. Thomas P. Nichols, (nisi.); James T. Maher et al. vs. James B. Church et al.; New Bedford Casket Company for receiver, Sarah L. Hazard, vs. Moses R. Crow et al.; continued. Orison S. Madden et al. vs. Nicholas Ball, continued (nisi.) Joshua Stacy vs. Lewis Brown et al., continued (nisi.). The cases of John S. Coggeshall, executor, vs. Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society et alios, and of Frederick D. Huntington et al., for opinion, were discontinued. In the cases of Emma A. Armington vs. William A. Shaw, et alios, and William Arnold Shaw vs. same, final decrees entered in each, confirming master's report.

The cases on exceptions of State vs. John Reynolds, appt., Thomas A. Kelly vs. Harry Furco, and Emmanuel Wagner vs. Joseph P. Fish, were continued, the latter nisi, to be heard in Providence.

The petition of the Newport Water Works for condemnation of land of Melville Ball and others was discontinued.

On the jury docket entries were made as follows: Continued—William J. Underwood vs. Cyrus H. Peckham, Daniel E. Smith vs. Daniel A. Chapin, James T. Maher et al. vs. James B. Church, Central Baptist Church and Society vs. Gideon Manchester, George A. Grinnell et al. vs. Probate Court of Tiverton, William J. Weinbaum vs. Horace Carlisle, Thomas J. Smith vs. William Starr Miller, Joseph Delaney vs. E. Read Goodridge, appt., Charles V. Dodge, admx., vs. Phoenix Electric Light and Coal Co., John Cook vs. Brown & Howard, appt., J. W. Williams vs. George B. Hazard, appt.; continued. Neal-Ellen Eyres vs. Island Savings Bank, and Horatio N. Milliken, appt., vs. Probate Court of New Shoreham, Joshua Stacy vs. David M. Coggeshall, City Treasurer, appt., Margaret Wells vs. Herbert S. Milliken, and Joseph B. Marvel vs. Amos F. Marvel; discontinued—Town of New Shoreham vs. Edgar C. Allen Daniel C. Denham et al., appt., vs. Probate court of Newport, Tyler & Armstrong vs. John H. Cottrell.

The cases of Edward Newton, admx., vs. Savings Bank of Newport; Patrick H. Horgan, vs. Charles Bickerton et al.; at al.; Island Savings Bank vs. Ellen Eyres; Joseph Alvas, trustee, vs. Martha S. Barker; Island Savings Bank vs. Joshua T. Dodge, et alios; James F. Hunt vs. William L. Tilley and Nancy Murray vs. William L. Tilley, deputy sheriff, (denurers), and Nancy Fish vs. Court of Probate of Newport, were heard before the full bench, and in the latter, which was on an appeal, the will of Thistle B. Henderson was sustained.

The following petitions for divorce were heard and granted: Frank W. Parmele vs. Lillian A. Parmele, Sarah I. Allen vs. John E. Allen, Alice E. Blake vs. George H. Blake, Agnes Sheffield vs. Albert G. Sheffield, Anna Anderson vs. William H. Anderson, Gertrude A. Hall vs. Albert W. Hall, and Ida A. Lane vs. John D. Lane.

The grand jury, of which Col. A. A. Barker was foreman, reported five indictments as follows: Joseph Sheekey, for larceny of \$70 from the person of Michael J. McCann; Emma Johnson, for larceny from the Newman cottage; William Abbott, for breaking and entering in the daytime and larceny from the Winans cottage; Benjamin Irving, for robbery of money from Samuel G. Wright; Abraham Papeley, Edward F. Hughes, John O'Brien and Peter Hibb, for larceny and receiving stolen goods, the property of the E. Read Goodridge Manufacturing Company.

In the case of John H. Steadman vs. American Electric Manufacturing Company, the defendant defaulted and the plaintiff got judgment for \$1000 and costs. In the case of Carbery vs. Longbecker, the plaintiff was not suited and judgment given defendant for costs. In the case of James Brophy vs. Peter O'Rourke, for \$5000 for assault, defendant defaulted and the case went to the jury for damages.

In the case of Patrick Hayden vs. town treasurer of Tiverton, a verdict was rendered for plaintiff for \$300.

In the case of Dr. Thos. A. Kenefick vs. Newport Street R. R. Co., a suit to recover for medical attendance upon victims of the Bath road accident in 1889, a verdict was rendered for plaintiff in the sum of \$200 with interest.

The criminal docket was begun Thursday afternoon and William Abbott, for larceny in the daytime from the Winans cottage, was convicted and sentenced to eight months in the Providence County Jail. Emma Johnson, indicted for larceny from the Newman cottage, was on trial as we went to press.

Spring Opening at Schreier's.

The annual announcement by the Queen Anne millinery establishment of its spring opening appears on the 4th page of this paper and, as usual, it will be found interesting reading.

The dates fixed for the opening are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next, and on those days the display of trimmed and untrimmed hats and bonnets and of general millinery at the Queen Anne will be the largest and most varied ever seen in Newport.

Mr. Lansing Zabrickie, who a few years ago built a handsome summer residence on Rhode Island avenue and who was intending to make Newport his permanent residence, died in New York Tuesday night of typhoid fever. Mr. Zabrickie was a gentleman well known and well liked in society and he gave liberally in charitable work.

The readers of the Providence News were shown a very good likeness of Assemblyman Charles Pinard Tuesday. Mr. Pinard is the Republican nominee for re-election as second Representative from this city, and very many of his friends—though not all, for he has not a few on the other side—hope to see him elected next Wednesday.

Rev. C. G. Gillett, D. D., of St. George's church, delivered an eloquent sermon at Wednesday evening's union service in Trinity church, the words of his text being "Whom My Mother and Who are My Brethren?" The services were well attended.

A. H. Bishop is building for P. J. O. Sullivan, on Charles street, a two and a half story cottage, with piazza, two bay windows, two dormer windows and double gable window; to be finished inside with white wood, and all modern improvements.

Mr. Lloyd Plouix, of New York, the well-known owner of schooner yacht Intrépide, is going to have built at once a large steam yacht for ocean cruising. Mr. J. Beavor-Webb, the naval architect, is now engaged upon the model.

Mr. Frank Wyatt, an employee at Mr. J. D. Johnston's mill on Mill street, lost two fingers and a thumb from the left hand, Wednesday, on a circular saw. He was attended to at the hospital.

The regular April meeting of the City Council will be held next Tuesday evening, but, with "Tom" Reed at the Opera House, it is not expected to be very largely attended by outsiders.

Mildred, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Sampson, is quite seriously ill with heart trouble. The rumor that she was suffering from scarlet fever is incorrect.

The work of cutting the stone for the new Presbyterian church is progressing satisfactorily. The brown stone, for the trimmings, has been ordered, and that will also be cut here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wells, of New York, have been at their Bellevue avenue cottage this week. They will go abroad very soon to be absent about three months.

The shooting box of the Miantonomi Gun Club, located near the beach, was set on fire and destroyed by some miscreant Thursday.

The New United States Hotel is having a good run of custom under the popular management of mine host Atleton.

A pleasing and profitable entertainment was given at the Second Baptist church Monday evening by the Mission Band of the church.

Rev. E. H. Porter, rector of Emmanuel church, has been in Pawtucket this week and Wednesday evening he officiated at St. Paul's church in that town.

The steamer Pilgrim took the place of the Providence on the Fall River line last night. The Puritan will go on on the 12th inst.

Mr. Lusk, who died in Rome last week Thursday, was the wife of Dr. W. T. Lusk, of New York, and well known in Newport summer society.

Rev. W. A. Luce, pastor of the First M. E. church, and family have been spending the week at Martha's Vineyard. Mr. Luce's former home.

Mrs. Daniel LeRoy, who owns a cottage on Bellevue avenue, is reported as seriously ill at her New York residence.

The Hotel Aquidneck will open the first of next month under the same popular management as last season.

The Sunday trips on the Fall River line to New York will be resumed for the season, tomorrow night.

The Old Colony Fall River line boats will begin their Sunday trips to and from New York to-morrow.

Daniel Watson has sold 4000 square feet of land on the Cottrell plat, Jamestown, to Mrs. Grace F. Pitman.

Mr. Harry S. Mason is able to spend a portion of the day at his business.

Rev. Father Coyle has been visiting his old home in Warwick this week.

CLEANING FROM HISTORY.

Presented by JAMES C. SWAN.

Olden Time Punishments.

The gallows, pillory, whipping post, cropping and branding were among the institutions established in the North American colonies soon after their settlement, and, from all accounts there was enough of the really bad villain to furnish subjects for some one or other of these modes of punishment. We have selected only a few of the very many thus disciplined.

The last hanging in the county of Newport (excepting by the authority of military law whilst the island was in possession of the British army), was that of John Sherman, who was executed on the town beach on Friday, Nov. 26th, 1764. His crime was burglary.

In New York, in January, 1767, one John Douglas was burnt in the hand for stealing a copper kettle.

At Springfield, Mass., in October, 1767, one Eustath Muggin was found guilty of passing counterfeit dollars and sentenced to have his ears cropped.

In November, 1769, at Worcester, Mass., one Lundy stood in the pillory one hour, after which he received stripes at the public whipping-post, and was then branded with the letter "H" on each side of his forehead, on the palm of his right hand; his crime was forgery.

In Newport, R. I. in April, 1771, William Carlisle was convicted of passing counterfeit dollars, and sentenced to stand one hour in the pillory, on Little Bear Hill, South Kingston, R. I., to be branded with the letter "H" on each side of his forehead, to have both ears cropped, to be flogged on both cheeks with the letter R, to pay a fine of one hundred dollars and a cost of prosecution, and to stand committed till sentence be performed. The R in this case stood for Rogue.

On the 4th of May, 1780, at Worcester, Mass., Johnson Green, indicted for three unglaric committed in one night within the space of half a mile, was tried on one indictment, convicted and received sentence of death.

Preferred Death to Hard Labor. At a session of the Court of Oyer and Terminer held at Newport, Penn., October 11th, 1786, Philip Housange, a burglar, was convicted. He was, after a very instructing admonition from the bench, sentenced to five years hard labor. It was with some difficulty that he was prevailed upon to make the election of labor instead of death by hanging.

An Englishman Preferred death to Transportation. The European Magazine for 1787, says that Samuel Hurl, convicted of forgery, was put to the bar, and informed that his Majesty had been graciously pleased to extend his mercy to him on condition that he should be transported for his natural life. The prisoner bowed respectfully to the Recorder with his "most humble and unfeigned thanks, for the kindness and humanity of the Recorder, the Sheriff, and other gentlemen who had interested themselves in his favor, and who had so effectively represented his unhappy case to the throne, and his Majesty, whose humanity could only be equaled by his love of virtue, had extended his mercy; but however flattering the prospect of preserving his life might be to a man in a different situation; yet that he, now he was sunk and degraded in society, was totally unable to object with him, as it was utterly impossible that he could be joined in union with those who were dearer to him than life itself. Under such circumstances, although he was truly sensible of his Majesty's goodness and clemency, yet he must positively decline the terms offered him; preferring death to the prolongation of a life which could not be otherwise than truly miserable." The whole court was astonished at his address; and, on consultation, the prisoner was reminded the prisoner to jail, to be brought up again on the first day of next session.

On the 6th of December, 1787, William Clarke was executed at Northampton, Mass., for burglary; the same day Charles Rose and Jonathan Hly were executed at Lenox, for robbery.

In December, 1788, at a session of the Supreme Court held at Salem, Mass., one James Ray was sentenced to stand in the pillory with a rope about his neck for three hours, to be whipped with thirty-nine stripes, and to be confined at hard labor for three years.

James, during his trial, was very merry and impudent, and continued in the same humor while his sentence was being read, holding up his head and looking boldly at the court, till the three years was mentioned; when he became so much changed, his head drooped on his breast, and he heaved a deep groan—admission, to him, more terrible than death.

On the 17th of June, 1791, Samuel Cook, in the eighty-fourth year of his age, was executed at Johnston, N. Y., for forgery.

Court Martial at Fort Adams. In 1800, Daniel Jackson was Major Commandant at Fort Adams, Newport, R. I., and on the 17th of January of that year, agreeably to the sentence of a general court-martial held at that post, James Hooper (alias James Barker) and John Durrah were drummed out of the United States army, with a halber about their necks, after receiving ninety-nine lashes each, and having half their heads and one eyebrow shaved off, and declared unfit ever to serve in the army of the United States. The crimes of which they were convicted, and for which they suffered, were repeated desertions, and enlisting under different names.

On the 16th of January, 1801, one Hawkins stood an hour in the pillory, at Salem, and had his ears cropped for the crime of forgery.

The Last Case of Branding in Newport. At a term of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island, held at Newport in August 1823, one Thomas Briggs, alias Jonathan Bryant, was tried for the crime of counterfeiting; was convicted, and sentenced by the court to stand in the pillory one hour, and be branded on the right cheek with the letter G.

After it became known that the above named person was the culprit who had passed spurious bills, a reward was offered for his arrest, when one Allen Durfee, of Tiverton, R. I., got on his trail, and arrested him. Briggs resisted, and in the struggle that ensued, stabbed Durfee, who escaped death by the point of the dagger striking his pocket-book in which, fortunately, there was a silver dollar; he, however, made the arrest and lodged his prisoner in the jail at Newport. The place selected for executing the sentence, was the parade, in front of the Court House, on the third day of October, 1823, between the hours of three and four o'clock in the afternoon. The pillory was a frame-work something like a gallows, with a platform about two feet square, and at an elevation high enough to give the spectators of this barbarous scene, a full view of all the proceedings including the placing of the unhappy prisoner in position, leading the iron, and the last crowning act of branding, seeing the flying of his hair, and seeing the ascending smoke, which rose far above his head.

Allen Durfee, it afterwards appeared, was not a man of very refined feelings; on the contrary, rather flamed with what some people call vindictiveness. Though he probably did not very often make an exhibit of this little weakness so common to most men, yet it was understood that he solicited of Robert H. Cranston, Esq., sheriff of the county, the privilege of branding with hot iron the letter G on the right cheek of the unfortunate Mr. Briggs, alias Mr. Bryant. His request was granted.

It is known, or supposed to be, that it is with some difficulty that sheriffs who have unpleasant duties to perform (such as hanging for instance, and it is probably equally so in the case of branding) are equally so in the case of branding the criminal to living torture, horrible to the human conception, are enabled to find persons so low down in the scale of humanity as to be, for a compensation, willing to do things which all sensitive minds, in horror, shrink from. This being simply a case of branding with hot iron, there would have been no great trouble in getting the service performed; but, as above stated, Mr. Durfee made early application for the honor and was accepted.

As above mentioned, on Friday, the third day of October, 1823, at about two o'clock, in the afternoon, the parade was densely packed by a mass of humanity, which included men, women and children; that these last might be present, all the schools in town were closed that this great moral lesson might be witnessed and impressed on their minds, and they were then advised by the court, to be very observant how the law punished those who attempted to get rich by putting in circulation a dollar that was not worth a dollar.

An impatient crowd awaited the arrival of the principal figure in this cruel and disgusting scene, when at about 3 o'clock he ascended the scaffold, that he could not move it, and then, by order of the court, was taken to the county jail for the term of two years and eight months from the 30th day of August, 1823, and pay a fine of one thousand dollars.

The last exhibition at the public whipping post in front of the jail in Newport, took place a short time previous to the above case of branding; it was that of a man whose crime was stealing; he had nearly the entire population of the town to witness his degradation.

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As above mentioned, on Friday, the third day of October, 1823, at about two o'clock, in the afternoon, the parade was densely packed by a mass of humanity, which included men, women and children; that these last might be present, all the schools in town were closed that this great moral lesson might be witnessed and impressed on their minds, and they were then advised by the court, to be very observant how the law punished those who attempted to get rich by putting in circulation a dollar that was not worth a dollar.

An impatient crowd awaited the arrival of the principal figure in this cruel and disgusting scene, when at about 3 o'clock he ascended the scaffold, that he could not move it, and then, by order of the court, was taken to the county jail for the term of two years and eight months from the 30th day of August, 1823, and pay a fine of one thousand dollars.

The last exhibition at the public whipping post in front of the jail in Newport, took place a short time previous to the above case of branding; it was that of a man whose crime was stealing; he had nearly the entire population of the town to witness his degradation.

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Everybody Invited to Enjoy the Day Looking at New Styles.

Men's Department.

The first floor of this establishment is devoted exclusively to Men's and Youth's Ready Made Goods. It is under the management of Mr. F. B. Almy who is ably assisted by Mr. Walter B. Crowell and a sufficient number of gentlemanly salesmen. Special attention has been given this department this season, as the large and varied stock will attest. We propose that no house will show a finer line of Suits, Overcoats and Trousers than are exhibited here, while OUR PRICES will be the LOWEST to be found in the city for same grade of goods. The Edward C. Almy Company propose to make this house, in each department, the centre of attraction for not only the city of Providence, but the entire surrounding country.

We ask you to give us a call on Wednesday and allow us to demonstrate the above assertion. You will say the picture is not painted in the glowing colors that the goods we exhibit deserve.

Ladies' Department.

On the second floor front will be found the most extensive assortment of Outside Garments for the Ladies in our city. Captain John B. Cooke, who was so popular when commanding Co. B., of the First Light Infantry Regiment, is in charge of this department, and with his corps of lady assistants who are thoroughly posted as to what are the **Leading Styles**, will be here to greet you and name the prices of these garments. After you have taken a general survey of this room, ask to see the "Lady Dunlo Cape," then the "Cleopatra Newmarket." Next in order, "Our Own," the Newport Jacket. Also "Our Leader," the "Bedford Cords," the "Marguerite" Reefer. This last named will be sure to please you. Then do not forget to look at the garment for the rainy day, the "Cravenettes." We have them in a variety of shades. And so we might go on and fill columns and then not describe our stock in this room, but come and see for yourselves, and you'll say this is the place to buy new Spring and Summer Outer Garments.

Boys' Department.

As women are the buyers of everything for the boys and young men, it was a happy thought to place this department on the same floor with the ladies' garments. Stepping from the elevator you turn to the left where you will be greeted by Mr. John W. Diefendorf, manager, and his able assistant, Mr. Frank L. Rogers, and others who are here to see that none are overlooked.

These gentlemen have made Boys' Garments their study for years, and will aid you by suggesting the right garment to be worn by "that boy," who is putting on his first suit. The "Nassau" and "Zouave Suit" will lead this season. Ages 3 to 6. Great variety of patterns. The double and single breasted Jacket and Pant Suit for boys from 7 to 15. Light colors, rough Sherwatts will predominate. The same is true in the 3-piece Vest Suit, Knee Pants, sizes 10 to 16. Then the Long Pant Suit from 14 to 18. In fact this department was never stocked as at present. Mr. Smith of the corporation will see that we are not wanting in any of the leading styles found on the counters of Best & Co. and at as low prices.

While we have named the different departments and their heads, we assure you that Mr. Edward C. Almy, who supervises all, will be the most happy to greet you on this "Opening Day" of positive success (by your co-operation) as the winter of disappointment has passed and the sunshine of spring has dawned.

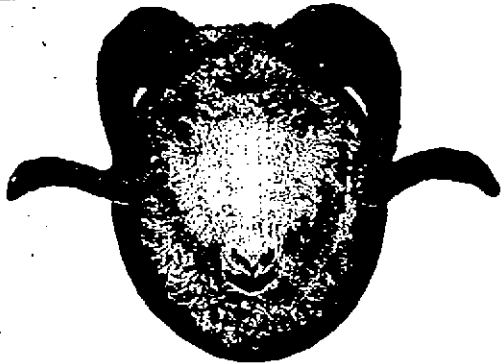
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Manufactured especially for Geo. A. Weaver. See the State Board of Agriculture Sixth Annual Report. Valuation found \$37.81, the highest valuation found in 1891. Nitrogen, contained 3.70, found 4.20; Phosphoric Oxide, soluble in water, guaranteed 6.00, found 5.08; Potassium Oxide, guaranteed 9.00, found 10.89, from samples taken from Geo. A. Weaver's stock.

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An elegant variety of the latest and choicest kinds of Flower Seeds. Bulbs, Vines, Plants and Bushes. Orders taken for prompt delivery for any variety not in stock, no matter how small an order, it will have prompt and accurate attention. Field Seeds at prices lower than ever before known in this market. Special mixture for the pasture, Central Park Lawn Mixture, Seed Oats, Barley, Rye, Hungarian Millet, etc. Garden Seeds (none better) grown to order, one of the largest seed shipments offered in New England. Don't forget the value of a nice home garden, it is economical, convenient, enjoyable and profitable.

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50 sets just arrived, including Light Driving, Express and Farm Harnesses. These goods are made to order and are the best made in the city. Don't fail to see them. Bicycles, of all the best makes, sold on easy terms. Fourth Car of Potatoes just opened, shipped direct from Arcata, Calif., at

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Warm Weather the Cause of All the Trouble!

Horse Blankets, Robes, Gents' Underclothing, Socks,

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